

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 118

By Norris

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Sheriff Mark Luttrell
upon being named Sheriff of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Sheriff Mark Luttrell of Shelby County, who was recently named Sheriff of the Year by the National Sheriffs' Association, a group devoted to promoting criminal justice professionalism; and

WHEREAS, among the many reasons cited for selecting Sheriff Luttrell for this honor is his successful securing of national accreditation for the men's and women's jails, the jail's medical unit, and the law enforcement division, raising the standards of the department as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Mark Luttrell was first elected as Shelby County Sheriff in 2002, a time when problems in the jail were high and public confidence in the department was low; and

WHEREAS, seven years later, the jail is operating more efficiently, and public confidence in Sheriff Luttrell's leadership is strong; and

WHEREAS, with a background in jail administration, Mark Luttrell has been an integral member of local and state efforts to fight street crime, and he has been instrumental in Operation Safe Community, a joint initiative by law enforcement, government, and business leadership to make Memphis/Shelby County one of the safest communities of its size by 2011; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Luttrell will formally receive his Sheriff of the Year award at the National Sheriffs' Association annual conference in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on June 22; and

WHEREAS, a man of characteristic humility even in the face of accolades, Mark Luttrell credits his colleagues and co-workers for their contribution to his success, saying, "it's the people who work with me that made it happen"; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Luttrell epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Sheriff Mark Luttrell for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Sheriff Mark Luttrell for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, congratulate him upon being named Sheriff of the Year, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.